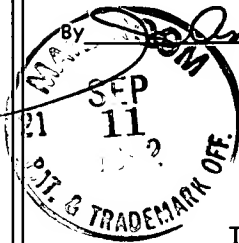


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In re application of:)

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Serial No.: 07/695,201)

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NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION)
AND DETECTION)

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Sir:

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 10, 1992. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$810.00 (large entity) to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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kit claims directed to PCR buffers containing intercalating were not suggested by the art and thus are nonobvious.

Applicant believes that all the extant rejections have been fully addressed and overcome by amendment and argument.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney.

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